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IN THE HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR (C.G.)

W.P. (C) NO. 72 **/2007**

PETITIONER : **M/S. RAJENDRA KUMAR PODDAR**, A partnership firm, Through: its Partner namely Sandeep Poddar, S/o. Rajendra Poddar, Aged about 32 years, R/o. A-9, Minocha Colony, Bilaspur (CG)

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS

1] CHHATTISGARH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD, Through: its Chairman, Raipur, District Raipur (CG)

2] ASSISTANT. ENGINEER, Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board, West Zone, Nagar Sambhag, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (CG)

3] EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (CG)

P.R. No. 1421/07
Presented by Shri Vikram Diwan
on 3/1/07

WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

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आदेश पत्रक (पूर्वानुबद्ध)

आदेश का दिनांक तथा आदेश क्रमांक	हस्ताक्षर सहित आदेश	कार्यालयीन मामलों में डिप्टी रजिस्ट्रार के अन्तिम आदेश

24.1.2007

Shri Manoj Paranjpe, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Shri A.S. Gaharwar, Advocate for the respondent.

Heard.

This petition is directed against Bill dated 29-11-2006 of Annexure P-7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the above bill has been issued to the petitioner on the basis of some inspection conducted in the premises of the petitioner, however before issuing the said bill, no mandatory notice as required under Section 126 of the Electricity Act was given to the petitioner and issuance of such bill is per-se illegal. He further submits that because of non-payment of the amount of the bill, electricity connection of the petitioner's premises has been disconnected.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondent/Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board submits that Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission has framed Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Consumers and Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2004 and as per Regulation

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आदेश पत्रक (पूर्वानुबद्ध)

आदेश का दिनांक तथा आदेश क्रमांक	हस्ताक्षर सहित आदेश 2	कार्यालयीन मामलों में डिप्टी रजिस्ट्रार के अन्तिम आदेश

22, complaint mechanism has been provided for redressal of any dispute of the consumers regarding their electricity bills.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

This petition cannot be entertained in the light of the fact that alternative remedy under the provisions of Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Consumers and Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2004 is available.

In view of the above observation, the petition is disposed of.

Consequently, M.W.P. No. 110/2007 and I.A. No360/2007 also stand disposed of.

Sd/-
Dhirendra Mishra
Judge

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